

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Malz et al.

Prior Application

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For: LIQUID ANTIOZONANTS AND RUBBER  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING SAME

Dated: October 22, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional application of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/552,098, filed April 19, 2000.--

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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled herein. Thus, by this Amendment, Claims 12-24 are now under examination in this application.

In U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/552,098, which is the parent application of this divisional application, a provisional election was by way of a telephone conversation between applicants' attorney and the Examiner to elect Claims 1-11 for prosecution thereby withdrawing from consideration non-elected Claims 12-24. By cancelling herein Claims 1-11, Applicants are now prosecuting Claims 12-24.

It is believed that the application as now presented, containing Claims 12-24 is in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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